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**RESPONSE**

Director of the United States Patent  
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Dear Sir:

This paper is being submitted in response to the Final Office Action mailed November 26, 2008 in connection with the above-identified application. A reply to the Office Action was originally due February 26, 2009. A fee for a three-month extension and Notice of Appeal were timely filed May 26, 2009, setting a July 26, 2009 initial due date for filing an Appeal Brief. Authorization is hereby given to charge the fee for a two-month extension of time to Deposit Account No. 02-2135, thereby extending the due date for filing an Appeal Brief to September 26, 2009. In lieu of an Appeal Brief, Applicants are filing this Response, along with a request for Continued Examination (RCE). Accordingly, this paper is being timely filed.

**A Listing of Claims** begins on page 2 of this paper.

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